

WaterSmart Landscape

- ◊ *Save money on your water bill*
- ◊ *Beautify your property*
- ◊ *Reduce maintenance*
- ◊ *Protect our environment*

Need Help?

Here are some resources for information about creating a WaterSmart landscape:

- 1 The **City of Chula Vista Conservation and Environmental Services Department** can assist you. Call a Conservation Specialist for free information at (619) 409-3893 or email Conservation@ci.chula-vista.ca.us
- 2 **Local water districts** offer recommended plant lists, rebates, and water-saving tips. Call your water district for more information.
Sweetwater Authority: (619) 409-6779
Otay Water District: (619) 670-2222
- 3 **Landscape architects** are licensed and university-trained to design outdoor environments, planting, irrigation, and hardscape. They can help with your whole project, or with smaller trouble spots.
- 4 **Landscape contractors** are trained and licensed in construction, irrigation, and planting.
- 5 **Landscape or garden designers** have varying degrees of education, but are usually not licensed. They can help with concepts for garden design and plant choices, and often work with a contractor.
- 6 **Irrigation consultants and irrigation supply stores** are a good resource for information on water-efficient products.
- 7 **Local nurseries** offer useful information in choosing plants and irrigation equipment.



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Make your garden WaterSmart!

RESOURCES:

Nifty Fifty:

These plants have been hand-picked for San Diego County because they are attractive, readily available, easy to maintain, long-lasting, and drought-tolerant! www.20gallonchallenge.com/pdf/Nifty50

California Friendly Garden Guide:

This extensive guide includes plants that are native to California and are perfectly suited to dry summers and mild winters! Search by name, color, plant type, function, and more! www.bewaterwise.com/knowledge01.html

Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS):

This publication lets you look up the water requirements for specific plant types, allowing you to group plants with similar water needs! <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/1726/15359.pdf>

Watering Calculator:

This free tool makes it fast and easy to update your watering schedule! www.bewaterwise.com/calculator.html

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1. WaterSmart yards and areas can be beautiful in addition to being Earth-friendly!
2. Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)
3. Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
4. California Coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*)
5. Cleveland Sage (*Salvia clevelandii*)
6. A rotating nozzle is easy to install in existing irrigation systems and reduces the amount of water used on lawns and landscapes by about 20-50% compared to a conventional spray head.
7. Weather-based irrigation controllers can help you manage your water use.
8. Permeable paths such as this one allow water to soak into the ground, recharging groundwater and preventing stormwater runoff.
9. Low-volume irrigation reduces water use by efficiently delivering water right at the root zone of plants. The wood chip mulch prevents weeds, helps retain moisture, and prevents erosion.
10. California Lilac (*Ceanothus*)
11. California native plants support native birds and butterflies, including this American Robin.
12. Rain barrels collect water from rooftops using the downspouts. Once captured, this water can be used for irrigating trees, shrubs, and vegetable gardens.